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by deleting Section 1 in its entirety and substituting instead the following:

Section 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-4216, is amended by adding the following as new subsections:

(d) In order that such policies and procedures are applied state wide on a uniform basis, the State Board of Education shall define zero tolerance offenses and determine standard guidelines relative to the application of the zero tolerance policy, and shall provide each local and county board of education with such definitions and guidelines.

(e)

(1) The State Board of Education shall develop a standard form for collection of statistical information relative to zero tolerance violations in local school systems. In developing the form, the State Board of Education shall consult the local school boards, the Tennessee School Board Association, the Office of Education Accountability and the Department of Education.

(2) The form shall include, but shall not be limited to: grade level, age, gender, race, offense, disposition of each zero tolerance violation and any modification in penalty.

(3) The form shall be completed annually by the Superintendent of each school system or the Superintendent's designee, and copies of the

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form shall be filed with the Department of Education and the State Board of Education by July 1 of each school year.

(4) The Department of Education shall collect and analyze such forms, and shall annually report the results specified in subdivision (2) to the Education Oversight Committee of the General Assembly, the Governor and the State Board of Education.

AND FURTHER AMEND by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated sections immediately preceding the effective date, and by renumbering the effective date section accordingly.

Section _____. The Department of Education shall implement the State Board of Education's model guidelines for alternative schools, in accordance with the provisions of §49-6-3402(b), to help assure that alternative school students receive the specialized help for their particular problems. The guidelines shall address the school's goals and measures of effectiveness. The model guidelines shall include a number of preventive and rehabilitative programs that could help reduce the number of drug-related and violent offenses. The model guidelines shall include, but not be limited to, drug and alcohol rehabilitation programs and conflict resolution programs.

Section _____. All students expelled from their home school for zero tolerance violations are required to attend an alternative school.

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Section _____. The Department of Education shall track all students expelled from their home school and report on their progress and include such information in the report required to be filed under §49-6-4216(e)(4).

Section _____. The State Board of Education shall provide a curriculum for alternative schools to ensure students receive specialized attention needed to effectively reform students to prevent them from being repeat offenders.

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